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Howland

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18-20 November 1966

Bob. Tuxson

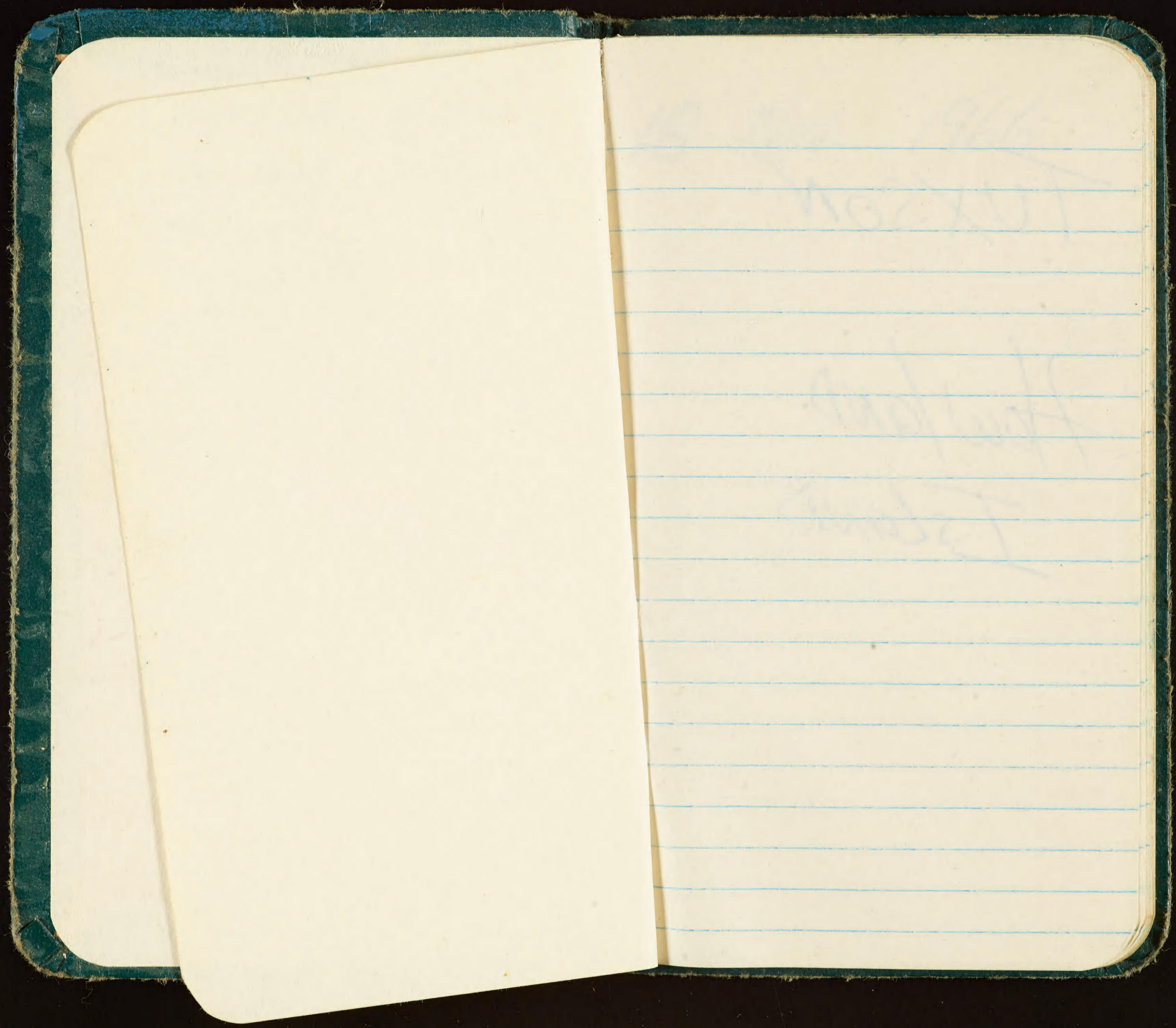
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18 NOV, 1966

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✓ AD P  
CPA  
Done 8/26/68



TUXSON

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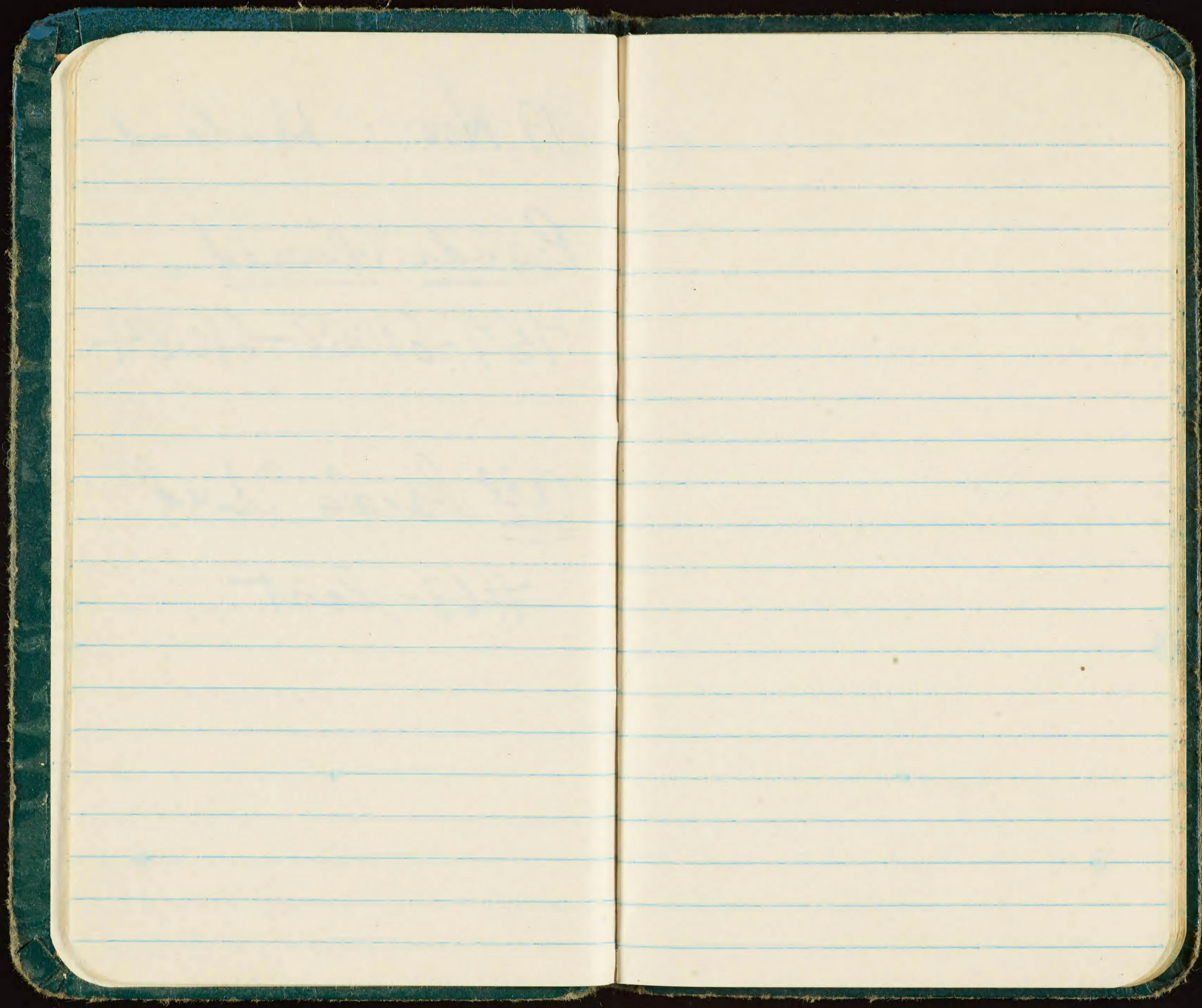
19 Nov. - Howland

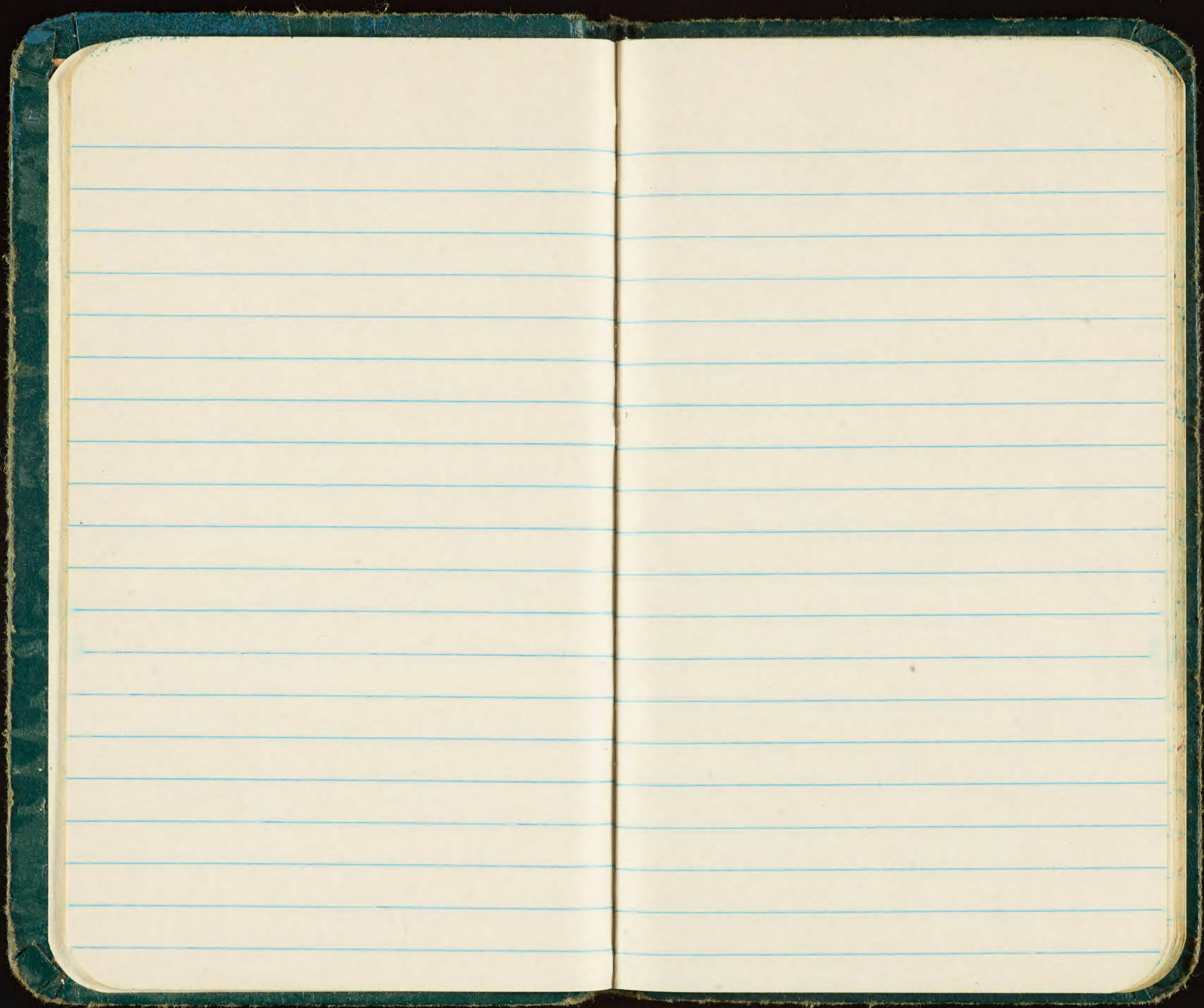
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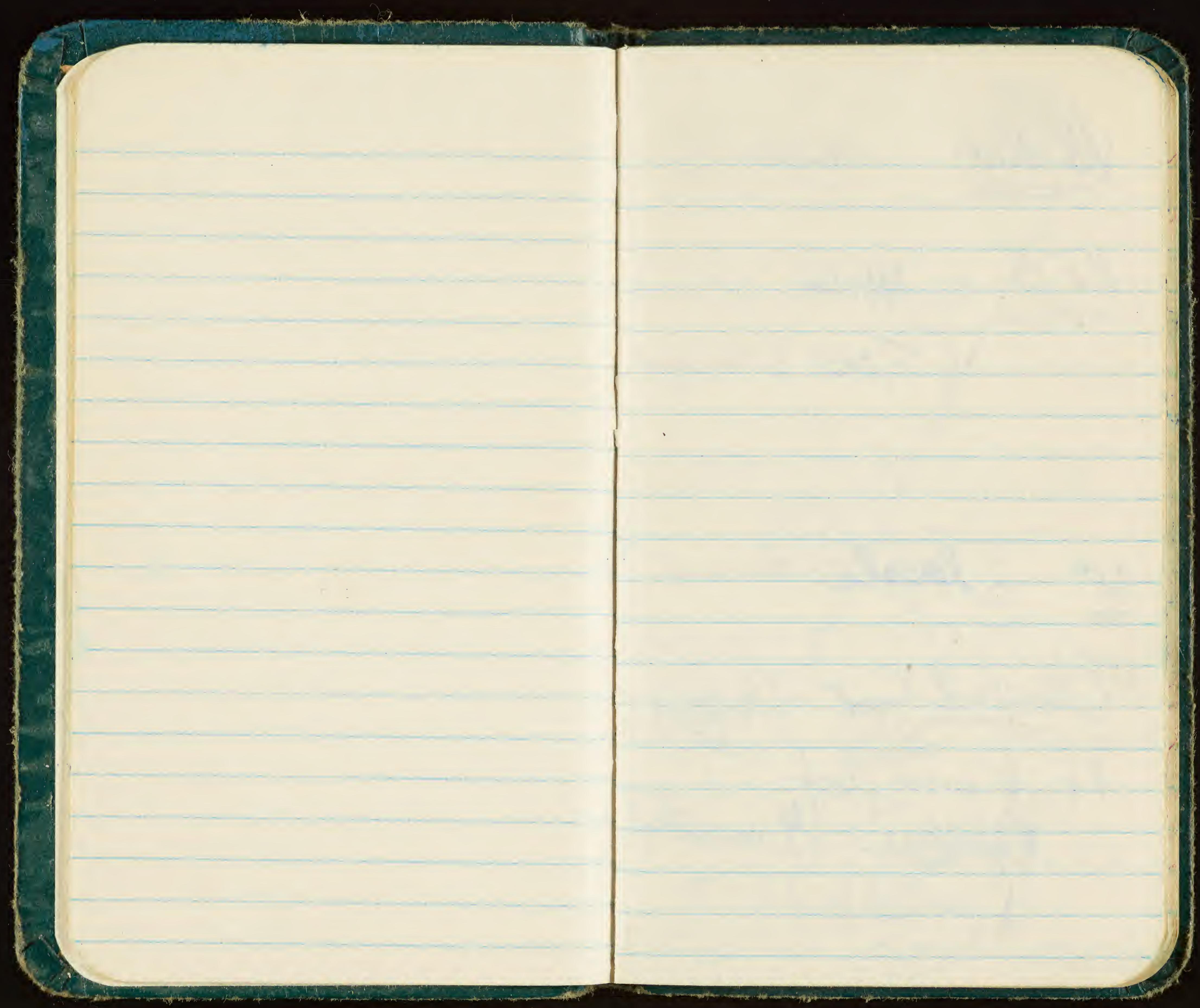
757-61068-61084

all bands Used

#68-lost







18 Nov. Howland

RFB

eggs 441+141

(5 total) total count

GF

2 locals total count

18 Nov

Shearbird Count

(10 total)  
RT

RT - 6 more flock

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(4 in another)

(1 painted bird)

18 Nov.

Total  
(1510)

LESSER FRIGATE

eggs

small 4 + 8 + 3 + 1 + 4 + 11

(4)

total count

large 43 + 9 + 4 + 3 + 33 +

58 + 45 + 159 + 55

+ 16.

(315)

total count

local 15 + 21 + 49 + 41 + 18

73 + 65 + 56 + 70 + 82

91 + 30 + 70 + 76 + 200

34 + 53 + 16 (1154)

total count

Lesser  
Frigates

18 Nov. 1966

Barfon ground

shawed bath

squid and flying  
fish are eaten.

✓ADP

RECOVERY 19 Nov.

~~BRB~~ - Sera death

{ 737-27757 ✓

737-28563

737-28516

737-23617

737-39616 ?

737-28507

737-53466

737-53466 ?

what are these?

19 Nov. Howland

~~Shorebird Count~~

~~RT~~ - ~~|||||+|||+|||+|||+|||+|||~~

[12 - flock] + ~~|||||+|||~~ 61

~~WT~~ - ~~|||+|||~~ 10

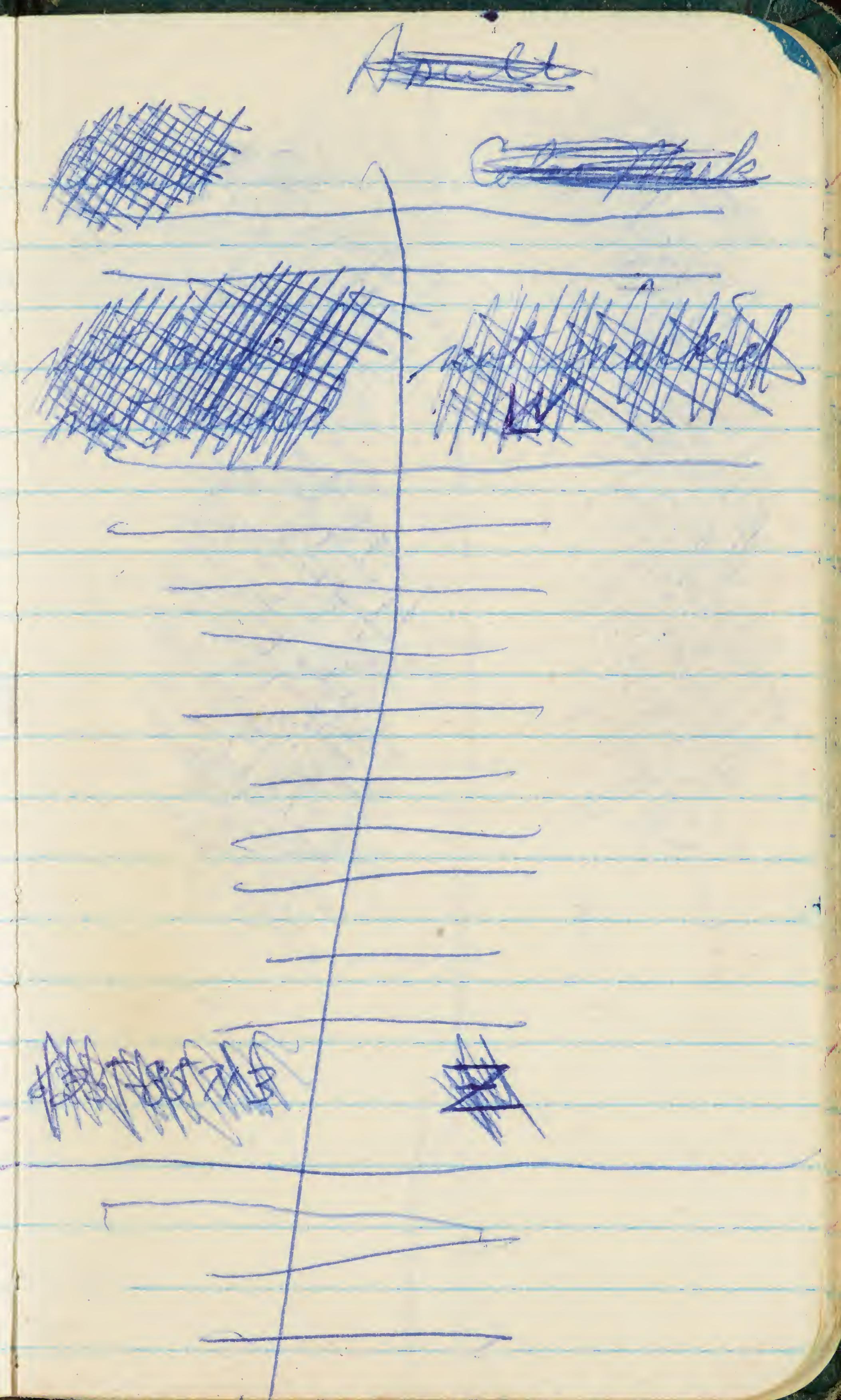
~~BTC~~ - ~~|||||+|||~~ 12

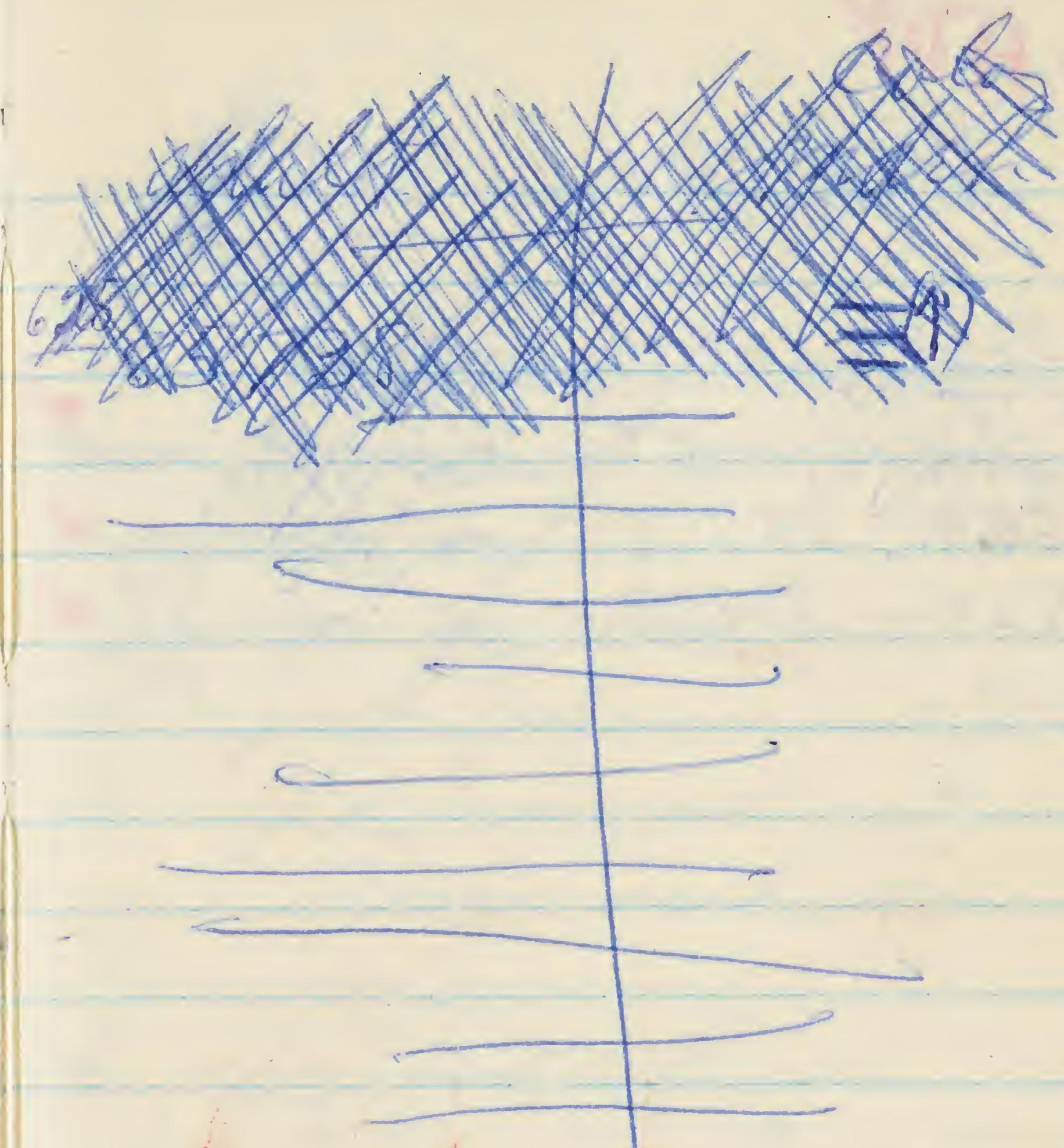
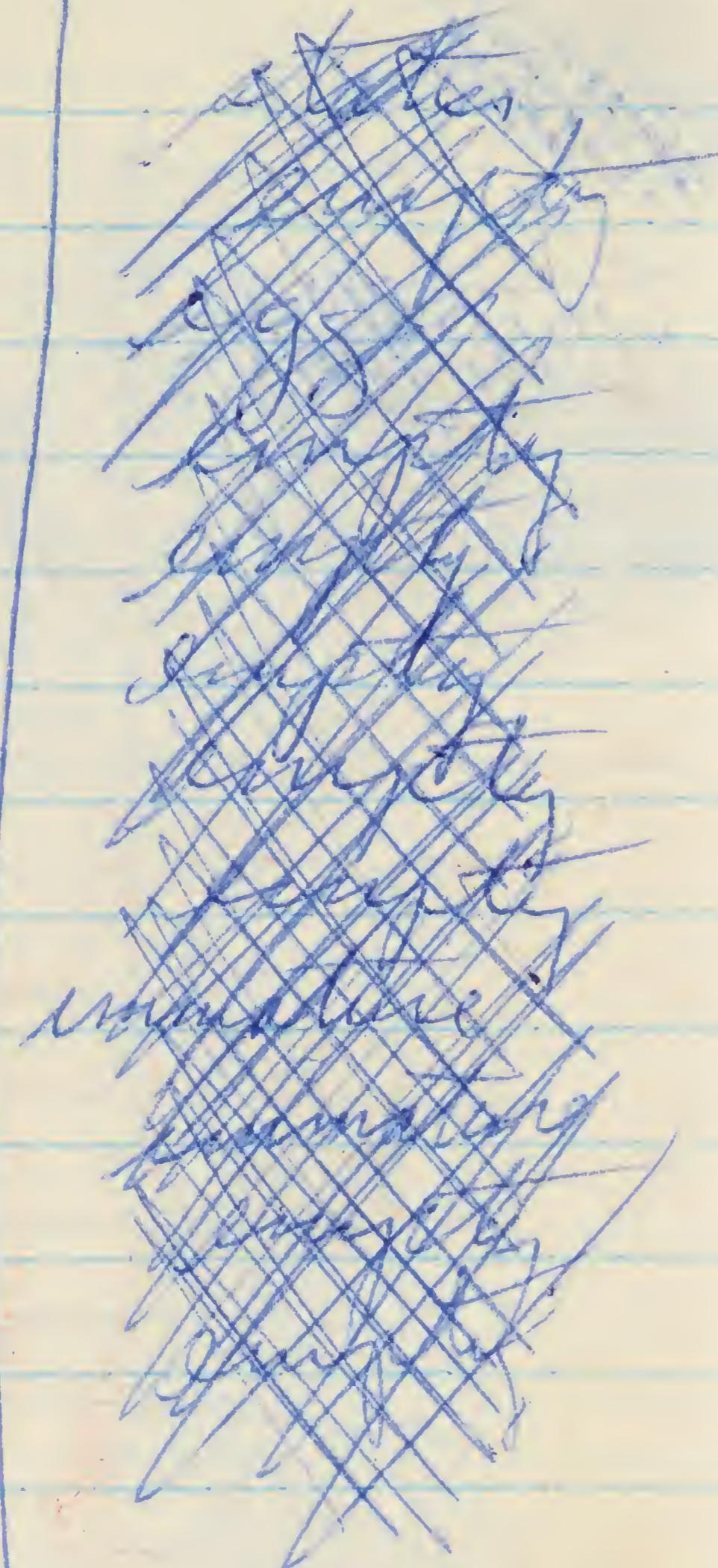
~~GP~~ - ~~|||||+|||+|||~~ 16

Gray Back Tern - 2 flying  
near North end of island  
& 15 sitting on beach

Total - 17







✓ADP

19 Nov Returns

RED TAILED TROPIC BIRD

{ 595-64025 - in empty nest ♥  
625- 85713 - on one egg ♥  
625- 85738 - on one egg ♥

19 Nov. RTTB

Tropic bird nest sites  
on lee side of island were  
worked:

- ① - Repainting of all nest sites
- ② - painting of new nest sites
- ③ - each nest site not  
given a color mark was  
given one.
- ④ every nest site was  
recorded as to its contents
- ⑤ adults in the nests were  
color coded the same marking  
as the nest site.
- ⑥ 3 returns were taken
- ⑦ 2 ~~unbanded~~ birds were  
seen, one <sup>was</sup> color marked  
but not banded.

# Red Tailed Tropic Bird

## Nests

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T - 2 red streamers

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31 - ♀

4 101

5

6

9

2 2 red streamers

8 2 red streamers

35

43

11 +

44

new -

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new -

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## status

empty

large downy chick

empty

empty

adult in breed. pl.

medium sized downy ch.

empty

adult in breeding pl.

adult on small chick

19 Nov 1966

## adult

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595-64025

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## color code or mark

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not banded

not marked

not banded

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19 Nov

RTTB

nests

37

12

38

39

14

15

40

17

45

16

new - **Z**

status

empty

adult on egg - new

tail feather in

20

19

18

41

**≡**

42

26

adult

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625-85713

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625-85738

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19 Nov

nest

27

24

25

47

60

48

49

status

empty

empty

empty

immature

immature

empty

empty

adult

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19 Nov

color mark

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ADP  
Returns  
19 Nov-

B.F.B  
Nocturnal

RETURNS	SEX	STATUS
737-20673	♀	2 eggs
737-20604	♀	roosting
737-28981	♀	immature
737-82402	♀	roosting
737-20046	5♀	immature
737-20671	♂	
737-20798	♀	immature
737-23572	♀	roosting
737-27603	♀	1 egg
737-28815	♀	2 eggs
737-20810	♀	roosting
737-23614	♀	immature
737 39535	♂	
737-28641	♀	roosting
737-28864	♀	2 eggs
737-28521	♀	1 egg

19 Nov.  
Count

BFB

19 Nov  
**VADP**

BFB

Returns

<u>Band #</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Returns</u>
737-49792	♀	small chick
587-83631	♂	roosting
737-53135	♂	leggy
737-28785	♀	immature
587-80847	♀	2 eggs
737-27518	♂	1 egg
737-82410	SA	
737-20910	♂	2 eggs
737-27852	♀	2 eggs
737-49714	♂	2 eggs
737-53472	♀	small ch.
737-39925	♀	2 eggs
737-39632	♀	immature
737-39724	♂	sm chick
737-49814	♀	immature
568-72196	♀	club <b>Birnie</b>
568-70560	SA	- club
737-65329	♀	- imm
737-49531	♂	- imm

19 Nov

**VADP**

Returns

BFB

737-20656	♂	large chick
737-28673	♂	roosting
737-28941	♀	immature
737-3570	♀	2 eggs
587-82805	♀	immature
737-49994	♂	Roosting
737-49954	♂	"
737-20105	♀	"
737-28927	♂	"
587-85040	♀	"
737-49943	♀	1 egg
737-28939	♂	imm
737-27831	♀	Roosting
568-80823	♀	immature
737-20623	♀	1 egg
737-49663	♂	Roosting
737-20817	♂	small ch
737-20856	♂	Roosting
737-20521	♂	leggy

✓ADP

19 Nov. Returns BFB

737-20868 ♂ immatur  
 737-20870 ♂ immatur  
 757 65264 ♂ immatur  
 757 39858 ♂ immatur  
 737-20980 ♀ Roosting  
 737 20638 ♂ immatur  
 737 23567 ♂ immatur  
 737-28976 ♂ large chick  
 737-20867 ♀ immatur  
 737-20865 ♂ Roosting  
 737 20679 ♂ immatur  
 737 20619 ♀ immatur  
 737 27847 ♂ immatur  
 737 28988 ♂ Roosting  
 737 20864 ♀ immatur  
 737 49965 ♀ large chick  
 568 71335 Roosting  
 737 20750 ♂ immatur

19 Nov. ✓ADP

737 39689 ♀ 2 eggs  
 737 27904 ♂ Roosting  
 757 65014 ♂ Roosting  
 737 53258 ♀ " "  
 587-88324 ♀ Roosting  
 737-20749 ♂ "  
 737 20823 ♀ "  
 737 53252 ♂ large chick  
 737 82441 ♀ large chick  
 587 82817 ♂ large chick  
 737 20757 ♀ 2 eggs  
 737 27754 ♂ Roosting  
 737 27819 (♀) 2 eggs WS  
 737 28953 ♂ 2 eggs WS  
 737 27861 ♂ Roosting  
 737 82813 ♀ Roosting WS  
 737 53275 ♀ " "  
 737 27949 ♀ "

VADP

14 Nov

BFB

Returns

737 49683 ♂  roosting  
587 85050 ♀  "  
737 20878 ♂  "  
737 23504 ♀  ♂ chick  
737 23505 ♂  "  
737 49718 ♂  immat.  
737 20850 ♂  roosting  
737 82455 ♂  large chick  
737 2096 ♂  roost.  
737 23514 ♂  imm.  
757 69200 ♀  roost  
737 27822 ♂  " not in cat. of spec. coll.  
737 49704 ♂  large chick  
737 27747 ♂  roosting  
737 43725 ♂  772  
737 53413 ♂  large chick  
737 49669 ♂  "  
737 28793 ♂  roosting

Returns

19 Nov BFB

VADP

737 28829 - ♂  roost.  
587-80895 ♀  2 eggs  
737 39704 ♀  roost  
737 82443 ♀  "  
587-65018 ♂  immatur.  
737 20740 ♂  "  
737 49671 ♀  roost  
737 49839 ♂  roost  
587 80838 ♂  "  
737 27805 ♂  "  
737 53272 ♀  WS  
737 53349 ♂  immatur.  
737-27815 ♂  "  
737 533445 ♀  2 eggs  
737 49687 ♂  "  
737 29647 ♂  Roosting  
737 28580 ♂  "  
737 62276 ♂  prob 757  
587 85031 ♂  "

✓ADP

19 Nov RETURNS

Brown Booby

737-53013 - large chick ✓  
737-53018 - large chick ✓  
737-53072 - 2 eggs ✓  
737-23623 - 2 eggs ✓  
737-53051 - 2 naked chick ✓  
757-64178 - 1 small chick + 1 egg ✓  
737-20906 - egg ✓  
737-53033 - large chick ✓  
587-83623 - 2 eggs ✓  
737-81539 - SUB AD ✓  
587-82373 - 2 eggs ✓  
737-21701 { ♂ ✓ roosting  
737-20985 { ♀ " ✓  
737-20523 { ♀ immaturity  
737-53164 { ♂ ↑ ✓  
Blue-face ↑

✓ADP

19 Nov RETURNS

BFB

737 28931 ♂ ✓ roosting  
737 28658 ♂ ✓ "  
737 53235 ♂ ✓ " Red point  
737 53292 ♂ ✓ Roosting chick  
737 53259 ♂ ✓ large chick  
737 53438 ♂ ✓ "  
737 28953 ♀ ✓ roosting  
587 81876 ♂ ✓ "  
737 49858 ♂ ✓ "  
737 39910 { ♀ imm ✓  
737 20801 { ♀ Roost ✓  
558 85704 { ♀ Roost ✓  
737 39993 ♂ ✓ 2 legs  
737 26698 ♀ ✓ Roost  
737 53416 ♂ ✓ small chick  
737 53251 { ♀ egg ✓  
737 39993 { ♂ egg ✓

19 Nov. Returns ADP  
BFB

737 39940 ♀ Roosting ✓  
737 53407 ♂ ♂ immatu  
737 20731 ♂ ♂ immatu  
737 28533 ♂ ♂ 2 eggs ✓  
737 - 39950 ♀ immatu  
757 65154 ♀ Roosting ✓  
737 49632 ♂ " ✓  
737 - 28637 ♀ ✓  
737 49828 ♀ small  
X 737 80798 ♀ ~~nesting~~  
737 20730 ♂ " ✓  
737 39961 ♂ immatu  
737 27983 ♂ Roost ✓  
737 28731 ♀ loss ✓  
587 83435 ♂ Roost ✓  
737 39756 ♂ Roost ✓  
757 63305 ♂ ♂ chick  
737 24955 ♂ ♀ " ✓

19 Nov. Returns ADP BFB

737 20817 ♂ Roost ✓  
587 83432 ♂ immatu ✓  
737 36688 ♀ 3 eggs ✓  
587 83607 ♀ 2 eggs ✓  
737 49824 ~~49824~~ ♂ 2 eggs ✓  
737 39914 ♂ Roost ✓  
737 39716 ♀ immatu  
737 49596 ♀ " ✓  
737 49597 ♂ immatu  
737 21265 ♂ " ✓  
737 39855 ♂ 2 eggs ✓  
737 39764 ♀ " ✓  
737 39887 ♂ ♀ immatu  
737 39725 ♂ " ✓  
737 26685 ♂ ♂ R ✓  
737 49609 ♂ ♀ ✓  
737 39896 ♂ 1 egg ✓  
737 39738 ♂ 1 egg ✓  
587 83608 ♂ " ✓

Returns 19 Nov <sup>ADP</sup> BFB

737 39759 ♂ imm  
737 37593 ♂ imm  
737 49590 { ♀ 1 -

737 39697 ♂ imm

737 39599 ♀ imm

737 49745 ♀ 2 eggs

737 49800 ♀ imm

737 2981 ♂ 11

737 39890 ♀ 2 eggs

737 39840 ♀ Roost

737 39861 ♂ immat

737 39649 ♂ Roost

737 39680 { ♀

737 29600 ♀ 2 eggs

737 39647 ♂ small chick

19 Nov <sup>ADP</sup> Returns

737 39662 ♂ Desser  
737 39586 ♀ imm

Banding 19 Nov.

61068 - lost BFB

69 - immat

70 - ♀ roosting

71 - immat

72 - immat

73 ♂ roosting

74-79 - immat

80 ♀ - eggs

81 ♂ roosting

82 ♀ chick &

83 ♂ roosting

84 immat

✓ VADP

20 Nov. Returns BFB

✓ 737- 23703 ♂ with ♀ ✓  
✓ 737- 23571 ♂ roosting ✓  
✓ 737 20690 ♀ immature ✓  
✓ 737 82403 ♀ roosting ✓  
✓ 737 20793 ♂ immature ✓  
✓ 737 27426 ♀ <sup>inter</sup> with ♂ ✓  
✓ 737 20788 ♂ 2 immature ✓  
✓ 737 49860 ♀ small chick ✓  
✓ 757 63388 ♀ small chick ✓  
✓ 737- 53481 ♂ immature ✓  
✓ 737- 27801 ♀ immature ✓  
✓ 737 53473 ♂ " ✓  
✓ 737 39520 ♂ immature ✓  
✓ 737- 39603 ♂ immature ✓  
✓ 737- 20829 ♀ roosting ✓  
✓ 737- 39806 ♀ immature ✓  
✓ 737 23561 ♀ with ♂ ✓  
✓ 737 39529 ♀ immature ✓  
✓ 737 22672 ♀ with ♂ ✓

✓ ADP

20 Nov. Returns BFB

✓ 737 82026 ♀ large chick ✓  
✓ 737 28530 ♂ 1 egg ✓  
✓ 737 27787 ♀ roosting ✓  
✓ 587- 85029 ♀ immature ✓  
✓ 737 39516 ♂ 2 eggs ✓  
✓ 737 27774 ♀ 1 egg ✓  
✓ 737 53104 ♀ roosting ✓  
✓ 568- 70004 sub adult ✓  
✓ 737 39588 ♀ 2 eggs ✓  
✓ 737 28925 ♂ with ♀ ✓  
✓ 558- 85050 ♂ roosting ✓  
✓ 737- 28522 ♀ " ✓  
✓ 737- 20547 ♂ immature ✓  
✓ 737- 27933 ♀ " ✓  
✓ 587- 83247 ♀ immature ✓  
✓ 737- 28813 ♀ " ✓  
✓ 737- 28797 ♂ small chick ✓  
✓ 737 53118 ♀ 1 egg ✓  
✓ 737- 53121 ♀ roosting ✓

VADP

20 Nov. Returns BFB

✓ 737 497562 ♂ roosting  
✓ 737 28783 ♂ " "  
✓ 737 53114 ♀ "  
✓ 737 39805 ♂ "  
✓ 737 27951 ♂ immature  
✓ 587 84001 ♂ Inter " "  
✓ 737 - 28653 ♂ large chick  
✓ 737 39586 ♀ immature  
✓ 737 28937 ♂ roosting  
✓ 737 82038 ♀ roosting  
✓ 737 39522 ♀ immature  
✓ 737 28579 ♂ "  
✓ 737 28792 ♂ naked chick  
✓ 587 85026 ♂ large chick  
✓ 737 53489 ♀ roosting  
✓ 737 49653 ♂ roosting  
✓ 737 39571 ♂ "  
✓ 737 53363 ♂ immature  
✓ 737 82012 ♂ "

VADP

20 Nov. BFB Returns

✓ 737 20802 ♂ 2 eggs

VADP

Returns 20 Nov.

~~Brown Booby~~

737 53044 ~~0~~ → 2 eggs ~~+~~  
737 53013 ~~x~~ large chick ~~+~~  
737 53012 ~~-~~ 2 eggs ~~+~~  
737 53066 ~~-~~ 2 eggs ~~+~~

20 Nov - Hawland

RTTB - 2 unmarked  
adults observed  
flying overhead

BTC - 2 individuals  
seen foraging south  
of camp today  
at 1500. They were  
at the high tide  
line.



The Golden Plovers were seen inland off the beach. No large flocks were noted. One flock of 7-8 B.T.C. was seen at the south end of the island on 19 Nov. They were flushed inland away from the shoreline.

RTTB - Nest sites were worked and repainted. Several adults were returned and color coded.

Sooty Tern - Individuals were shot on 20 Nov. and will be examined for gonad and other measurements.

L.F. The colony seems to have progressed successfully since the Oct trip. ~~the~~ Over 90% of the ~~birds~~ last months large chicks are now locally. Banded birds have had big swelling around the band. Colony size seems to be about the same as last.

months. ~~they~~  
One ♂ Lesser  
was observed with  
expanded gular  
pouch - (display)  
the nesting cycle  
starting again.  
Fresh eggs were at  
a minimum.

RFB - Of the nests  
observed (around  
the L.F. colony)  
1/2 had eggs and  
the other ♂ downy  
chicks. Approx 10-12  
nests checked.  
4 immatures were  
noted.

BB - mostly eggs  
and small chicks  
were noted in  
nest sites.

Vegetation The island  
appears to be much  
drier than Oct. The  
grass is shorter  
and not as green.

Skinks - seem to  
be more abundant  
than Oct. No count  
taken but several  
per square foot  
were noted at the  
southern end of the  
island.

NOTE:

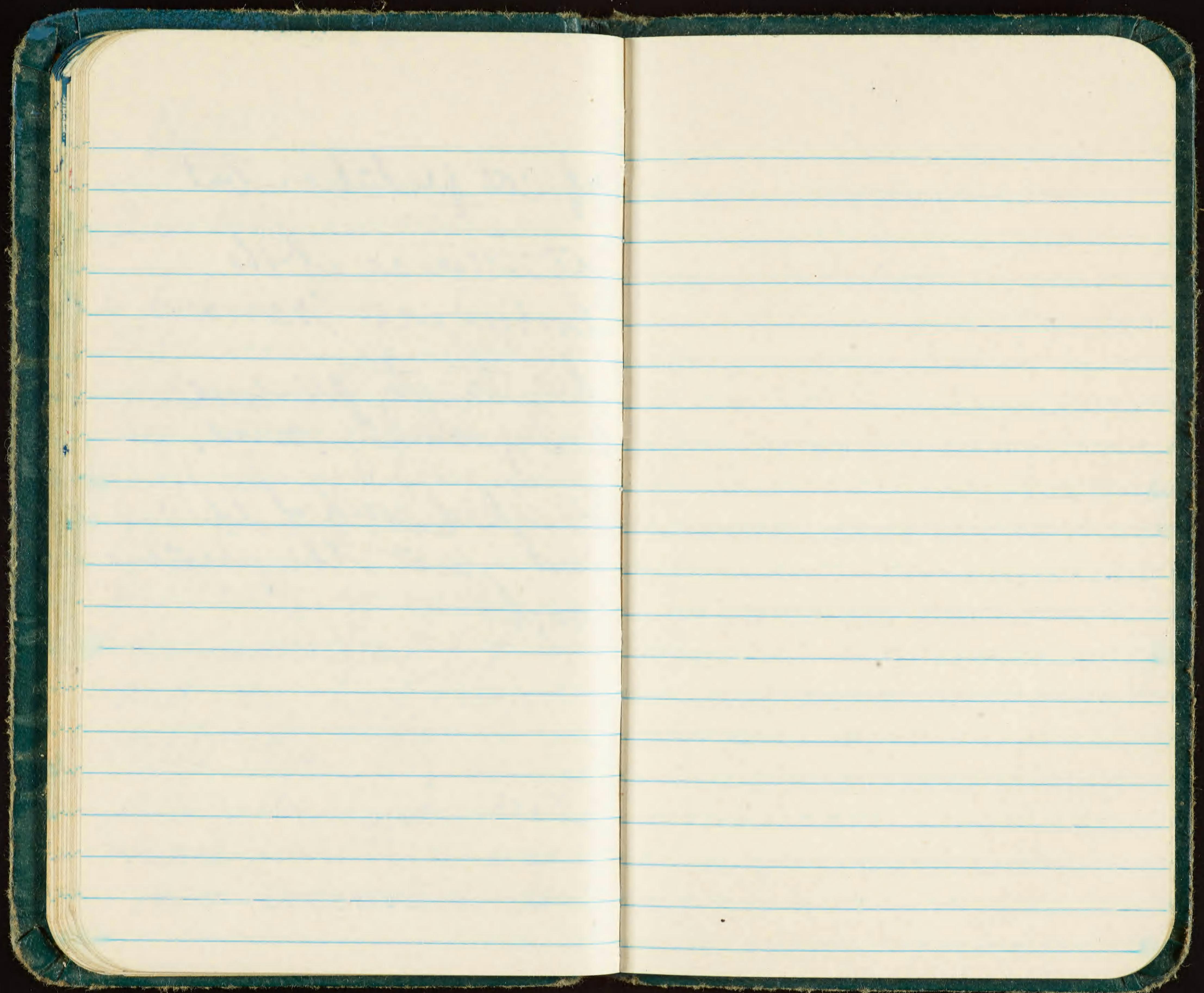
20 Nov. nocturnal

While working the SW corner for booby returns at least 1 one cat was observed. All during this time the boobies had been extremely jumpy.

The moon had set and my head lamp made them fly as soon as it was pointed their way. There was no concrete evidence

of cat predation but it seems as if the boobies were nervous due to its presence, and probably mine.

We had walked this end just the previous night



243.

$$\begin{array}{r} 640 \\ - 1396 \\ \hline 240 \\ - 2592 \\ \hline 2480 \end{array}$$

243.

~ 60

14580

2881 168000

Lesser

$$\begin{array}{r} 450 \\ 225 \\ \hline 675 \\ 225 \\ \hline 900 \\ 900 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \quad 112500$$

Frigate

$$\begin{array}{r} 222 \\ 250 \\ \hline 472 \\ 444 \\ \hline 556 \\ 555 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \quad 55500$$

Colony

$$\begin{array}{r} 55500 \\ 113500 \\ \hline 168000 \end{array}$$

estimation

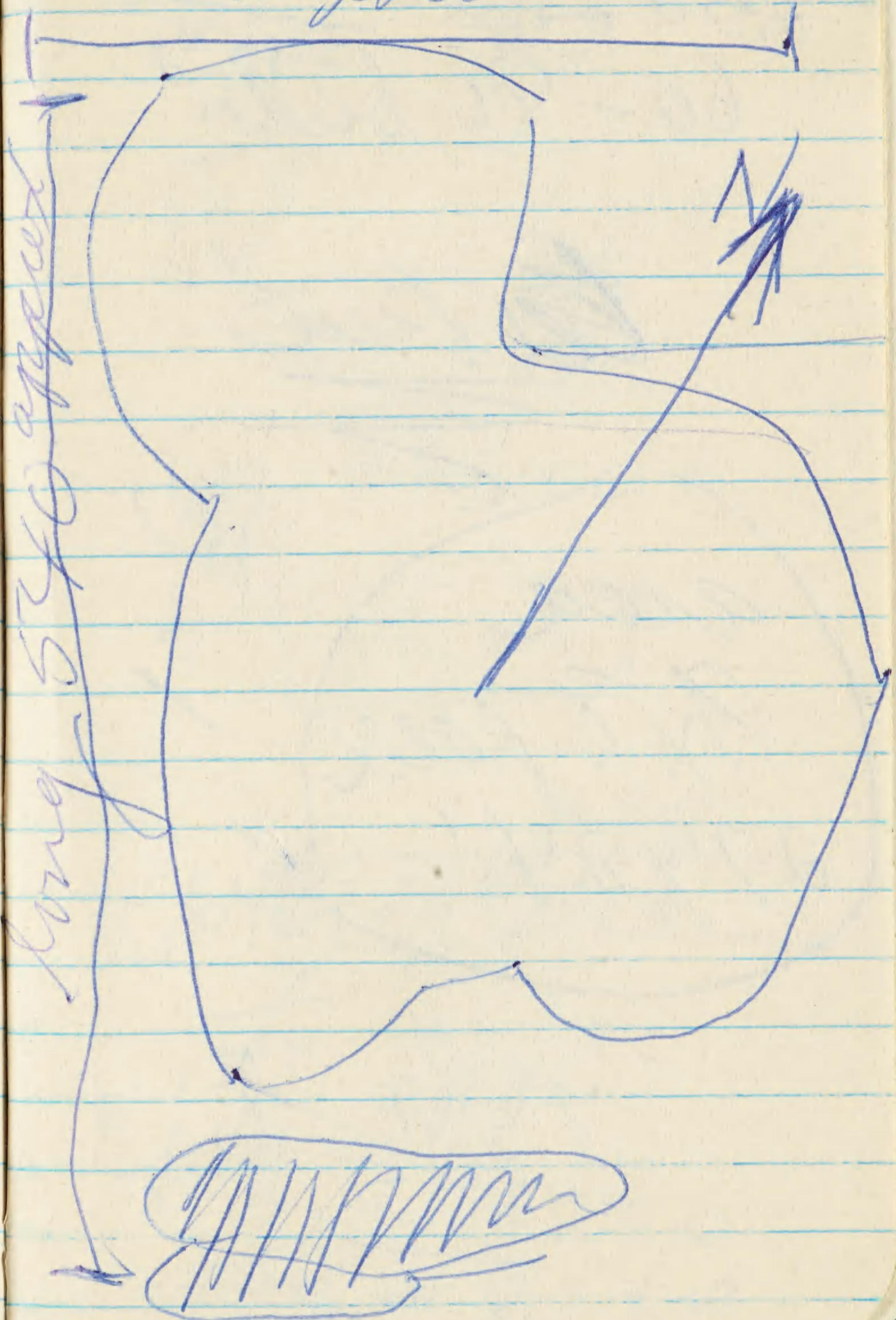
$$225 \times 250 =$$

$$250 \times 450 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ 18 \\ \hline 34 \\ 16 \\ \hline 288 \end{array}$$

450' wide

long 5360 approx



~~375~~  
~~375~~  
~~375~~  
~~375~~  
~~2250~~ ~~2250~~ ~~2000~~  
~~60-80 buds~~

~~60 buds~~

area  
 9x8 paces  
 27' x 24'  
 225  
 250

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 6 1/8  
 5  
 3 240

375

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~~4536~~ ~~3248~~



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